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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 377
By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Johnny Fandrich, Jr.

WHEREAS, it was with a deep sense of loss that the Tennessee General Assembly and the citizens of the Belvidere community in Franklin County learned of the death of John Samuel (Johnny) Fandrich, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, known as a Tennessee Statesman and Colonel, Mr. Fandrich served as a delegate for the Republican National Convention in 1976; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fandrich was also known for his entrepreneurial prowess; he served with acumen and dedication as President and CEO of the Fandrich Supply Company, a farm supply company founded by his father F.J. Fandrich in 1899 as a General Store, and which is operated today by his sons; and

WHEREAS, he also provided meritorious service to the Tennessee Seedsmen's Association, Tennessee Crop Improvement Association, Southern Seedsmen's Association, and the Alabama Seedsmen's Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fandrich was a member of the U.S. armed forces from 1945-1947 and received his bachelor of science degree in business from the University of Tennessee in 1950; and

WHEREAS, his concern for the welfare of his fellow citizens was evidenced through his involvement in Franklin County civic affairs, including his outstanding service as President of the

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Chamber of Commerce and the local Chapter of the Red Cross and Treasurer of the United Givers Fund; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife of 48 years, Jean Collier Fandrich, his three children; John Robert Fandrich, Carolyn Ruth Fandrich Rochelle and David Collier Fandrich; and his nine grandchildren: Joseph (Josh), Jason, Jonathan, and Jacob Fandrich; Stephen and Katherine Rochelle; and Lori, Brad, and Cory Fandrich; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fandrich was not only deeply concerned with the health and prosperity of his fellow man, but he also rendered devout service to God as well, as an Elder, Deacon, Chairman as well and member of the First United Church of Belvidere; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to honor the memory of this distinguished Tennessean, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of a peerless Tennessee statesman, John Samuel Fandrich, Jr., reflecting on his many selfless contributions to the city of Belvidere in Franklin County and his fellow citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest condolences to his family and friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation, with this final clause omitted from such copies.